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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 502

Introduced by Assembly Member Canciamilla
(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Cohn, Daucher, Frommer,*
***Longville, Wiggins, Wolk, and Wyland*)**

February 14, 2003

An act to add Section 9029.7 to the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 502, as amended, Canciamilla. Legislature: recording of proceedings.

Existing law, in the California Constitution and statute, provides that the proceedings of the Legislature must be open and public and that legislative records are open to the inspection of the public, except that a house of the Legislature may hold a closed session for certain matters relating to employees and Members of the Legislature, matters affecting the safety and security of Members of the Legislature or its employees, to confer with legal counsel or certain matters, and to hold a caucus composed of members of the same political party.

This bill would require the ~~Joint Committee~~ *Assembly and Senate Committees on Rules* to ~~digitally record and index record, in audio or video format,~~ all meetings of the Legislature, as defined under existing law, except for closed sessions as authorized by existing law. It would require the *Assembly and Senate Committees on Rules* to provide a copy of these recordings to the State Archives no later than 4 years following the conclusion of the legislative session in which the meeting was

recorded, and would require the State ~~Library~~ Archives to maintain an archive of these recordings, open to public inspection.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9029.7 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 9029.7. (a) Except with regard to closed sessions pursuant to
4 Section 9029, the ~~Joint Committee Assembly and Senate~~
5 ~~Committees~~ on Rules shall provide for the ~~digital recording, in~~
6 ~~both audio and~~ recording of the proceedings of their respective
7 house, in audio or video format, of all meetings of the Legislature,
8 as defined in Section 9027, and in the case of a joint proceeding,
9 the Committee on Rules of the house that requested the joint
10 proceeding shall provide for its recording.
11 (b) The ~~Joint Committee Assembly and Senate Committees~~ on
12 Rules shall ~~index and preserve these recordings and shall~~ provide
13 a copy of each recording made by the respective Committee on
14 Rules to the State ~~Library~~ Archives no later than four years
15 following the conclusion of the legislative session in which the
16 meeting was recorded. ~~The State Library~~ Upon receipt of these
17 recordings, the State Archives shall maintain an archive of these
18 recordings for inspection by the public.

